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Head—	Chi Tau	18
Heart—	Chi Sun	each 8
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		cts
Chicken—	Kai Chai	32
Capon, Large, Small—	Sin Kai	30
Ducks—	Ay	8
Doves—	Pan Hau	each 18
Eggs, Hen—	Kai Tan	per dozen 20
Flows, Canton—	Kai	12
.. Hainan—	Hoi Nam Kai	30
Geese—	Ngoi	20
Goose, Wild Shaih—	Shi Yor Ngai	pais
Musk Deer—	Wong Keng	each
Hare, Shanghai—	Tu Chai	—
Partridge—	Chi Kau	—
Pheasant—	Sian Kai	pair
Pigeon, Canton—	Pak Kup	each 30
.. Hainan—	Hoi How Pak Kup	22
Quail—	U. Chum	—
Rice Birds—	Wo Fa Chau	dosen
Snipe—	Se Choy	each
Turkeys' Cock—	Phor Kai Kung	62
.. Hen—	Na	45
Wild Ducks, Shaih—	Shanga Shaih	Salap pais
Teal—	Sui Ap Chai	—
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Fish.

		cts
Barbel—	Kai Yu	12
Bream—	Bi Yu	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish—	Hoi Sin Ya	17
Carp—	Li Yu	24
Catfish—	Chi Yu	24
Codfish—	Miu Yu	24
Crabs—	Ha	24
Cuttle Fish—	Miu Yu	18
Dab—	Se Miu Yu	18
Dace—	Wong Miu Lui	12
Dog Fish—	Ti Tu Sa	10
Eels, Conger—	Hai Mann	18
.. Fresh water—	Tan Sia Yu	18
Eels, Yell—	Wong Sia	25
Frogs—	U. Kai	22
Garoupy—	Sek Pan	50
Gudgeon—	Pak Kup Yu	16
Herrings—	Tso Pak	22
Hallibut—	Chung Kwan	32
Lobster—	Wong Fa Yu	24
Peach—	Wu Yu	22
Lobster—	Lang Bi	40
Mackerel—	Chi Yu	18
Monk Fish—	Ma Yu	38
Mullet—	Chi Yu	26
Oysters—	Sang Hoo	24
Parmoth—	Kai Kung Yu	22
Perch—	Tan Foo	10
Puffer—	Tan Foo	10
Pike—	Wo Paw Pong	10
Plaice—	Pan Yu	20
Pomfret, Black—	Hak Chong	24
Pomfret, White—	Pak Chong	36
Prawns—	Ming Ha	52
Ray—	Fei Pa Bi	10
Rock Fish—	Sei Kao Fung	26
Seabream—	Chi Yu	12

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Shark—	Se Yu	9
Shrimps—	He	28
Snapper—	Tan	10
Salmon—	Tan Sa Yu	10
Tuna—	Wan Yu	50
Turbot—	Cho How Yu	2
Turtle, small, fresh water—	Rock Yu	60
White Salt—	Ngan Yu Chai	—

Fruits.

		cts
Apples, (Saigon)—	Kam San Ping Kho	32
(Chaco)—	Tin Chan Ping Kho	—
Small—	Hot Tong	—
Custard—	Fao Lai Chi	each
Mango, fragrant, Canton—	San Shing	3
Orange, (brides), Macao—	San Hoang Chai	5
Husked Chinese—	Fong Luk	—
Young Tung—	—	8
Coconut—	Yeh Tze	each 10
Oranges, China—	Ning Moong	1b 3
America—	Kam San Ning Moong	—
Chesnuts Dried—	Lei Ch Small Stone	20
— Fresh—	—	10
Times, (Saigon)—	Sal Kung Ning Moong	12
Manila, Lai—	Loi Sun Mong	—
Mangoes, San Chuk Tze	—	—
Orange, (Canton)—	San Shing Tin Chang	1b 45
Oranges Sweet—	—	45
Pears, (American)—	Kam San Lai	1b 15
(Canton), Cooking—	Se El	8
Pomona—	Fa Sung	10
Pearlapples, Large—	Hung Chis	18
Pineapples, 1st quality—	Shuang Poos Ti	each 10
Pineapples, 2nd quality—	Uhng-tang	—
Platantal—	Tai Choi	5
Plums—	Swatow Hung Lai	—
Pomelo, Slam—	Chim Lo Yu	each 15
Walnuts—	Hop Tze	12
— Green—	Sang Hop Tze	—
Water Melon—	(Am.) Kam San Sal Ew	5
(China) Sal Kwa	—	2
Grapes—	Sang Po Tz Tz	24
Vegetables, &c		
Artichokes, Shanghai—	Sheong Mai Ah	10
Chili, (French), Macao—	Oh Moon Pin Tz	10
(French), Shanghai—	Sheung Mai	—
Pin Tze	—	—
Sprout—	Ah Choi	2
— Tong—	Tai Tze	7
Beet Root—	Hung Chai Tze	each 2
Brinjals, Green—	Ching Yuen Yee	1b 4
.. Red—	Hung Ker	4
Cabbage, Chinese, com—	Kai Choy	4
Cabbage Red—	Hung Yea Choy	4
Cabbage, (Shanghai)—	Yeh Chot	15
Cane Shoots, bunch—	Kau Shun	—
Cauliflower, Large size—	Tai Yek Chot	each
.. Medium size—	Cheung Yeh Chot	—
.. Small size—	Sei Yeh Chot	—
Carrots—	Kam Shun	1b 6
Celeri, Chinese—	Tong Kan Choi	5
.. English—	Young	—
Chiles Dried—	Con Lai Chiu	5
.. Red—	Hung Bi	—
.. Green—	Ching Lat Chiu	5
Ginger Staff, English—	Ka Lee Chie	8
Cucumber—	Ching Kwa	2
Bitter Squash—	Fu Kwa	15
Guava—	Suen Tze	8
Ulong, young—	San Tze Keung	5
.. old—	Lo Keung	5
Horse Radish, Shaih—	Chi Kan	36
Indian Corn—	Suk Mai	pieces
Lettuce—	Young Sang Chol	each 1
Water Chestnuts—	Ma Tai	1b.
Mandarin—	Kwei Lum Mi Tsai	8
Mushrooms, fresh—	Sang Cho Kho	40
Musk Melon—	(Am.) Kan San Hong Kwa	each
Oakroes—	—	1b.
Onions, Bombay—	Young Chong Tze	8
.. Green—	Sang Chong	4
.. Shanghai—	Sheung Hui Chong Tze	5
Popaw, 1st qual—	Tai Man Sui Kwa	each
.. 2nd—	Chung	15
Parsley—	Kun Cho	per b
Green Peas—	Ching Tze	—
Potatoes, Sweet—	Fan Shu	3
.. Shanghai—	Sheung Hui Shu Tze	—
.. Japan—	Yut Poos Shu Tze	—
.. American—	Fa Ki	—
.. Foochow—	Fuk Chau Shu Tze	—
Pumpkin—	Ton Kwa	—
Radish—	Hung Lo Pak Tze	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)—	Tai Wong	—
Seeds—	Chi So	bund
Shallows—	Con Chong Tze	b.
Syrup—	Chi Chot	—
Tomatoes—	Fan Kee	—
Turnips, Fresh, (long)—	Low Pak	—
.. English—	Young Low Pak	—
Vegetable Marrow—	Chi Kwa	—
(Am.)—	Kan San Chai Kwa	—
Water Cresses—	Sal Young Chai	—
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Yams—	Tai Sip	—

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General Memoranda.
MONDAY, August 3.—
10 a.m.—Auction of Naval & Victualling Stores, at H. M. Naval Establishments, Transfer Books of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., close from this date to 23rd August, inclusive.
Register of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation close from this date to 21st Aug., inclusive.
Goods per Tonkin undelivered after this date to noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, August 10.—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace at the Magistracy.
SATURDAY, August 21.—
Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.
MONDAY, August 23.—
Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

Hongkong, TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1909.

THE TROUBLES IN SPAIN.

Since the close of the Spanish-American War in 1898 Spain has not occupied a specially prominent place in the public eye. She has been withdrawn from the main stream of Continental politics, except for the Algeciras negotiations, and has been busy at the work of internal reform, setting her house in order, as it were, and devising ways and means for developing the vast resources which lie hidden in the mountains, valleys and plains of the Iberian peninsula. The terrible events which marred the wed-ding-day of her young Monarch brought the land and its people for a few weeks again into the limelight, but as no further atrocities were attempted and King ALFONSO and Queen VICTORIA were allowed to settle down to enjoy the domesticities and amenities of a newly married pair, public attention was diverted elsewhere and Spain was able

to pursue its course of peace, re-trenchment and reform quietly, undisturbed by the impudent scrutiny of an obtrusive outside world. All seemed to augur a successful if uneventful return to the paths of prosperity by means of industrialism. The long years of comparative political calm which characterized Queen CRISTINA's sagacious regency induced a feeling that the dynasty was at last firmly seated in the saddle and that the Republican and Carlist ferment, which at one time were very threatening features in the politics of the peninsula, had gradually simmered out. But their places, it now appears, had merely been taken by others. A spirit of unrest, combined with a strong distaste for militarism, was at work, especially in the commercial and manufacturing centres of the kingdom, and when the age-long trouble with the Moors and Kabyles, in Morocco again became a serious menace to the security of the Spanish towns on the African littoral, these newly born elements rose in revolt. They protested vehemently against more Spanish soldiers being sent across the Straits of Gibraltar, urging that it would be far better for Spain if she withdrew entirely from Morocco, and to show the Government that they were in earnest in their protest they erected barricades and prepared to sell their lives in support of their principles.

The latest telegrams reaching the Far East have told of heavy Spanish losses in the fighting near Melilla; for even the severe press censorship prevailing in Spain cannot prevent the truth from eventually leaking out, and of reinforcements being sent to Moralist MARINA. As for the troubles in Spain itself, we read that in Barcelona, even at the height of anarchy, the Government troops appear to have become masters of the situation after some desperate fighting. The barricades have been swept away by the artillery, while their erstwhile defenders have been either shot by the gunners or hunted down by the cavalry. The firing of the numeraries is not a pleasant feature of this internecine warfare, though perfectly in accord with past Spanish history.

Whenever the populace of Spain has risen against the Government its latent strain of cruelty has come uppermost

and the religious establishments have invariably suffered badly. It is a strange feature in a land where the ecclesiastical propaganda is so predominant

The departure of Queen VICTORIA and Queen CRISTINA for a French frontier town is under all the circumstances, undoubtedly a wise precaution. The Spanish people have little liking for foreigners, and at such a period as this, when the KING himself is being hissed in the streets of Madrid and insulted as he visits the barracks, their presence would add but fuel to the flames. As Queen VICTORIA is an Englishwoman and Queen CRISTINA an Austrian it is well that they have removed from the danger zone and thus reduced as far as possible the complications now hanging like a storm-cloud over their adopted country. Since well-wishers as we are of Spain, we can but hope that her difficulties are not as desperate as the brief telegrams would seem to indicate and that she will find a speedy exit from her present troubles while we also wish that King ALFONSO may yet emerge with a heightened reputation and a thoroughly consolidated Throne.

A visit to Hongkong by Dr. WILBUR CHAPMAN, Mr. C. F. Alexander and other evangelists, has been anticipated by many as likely to take place in November, and a Committee was formed to make arrangements. It now appears that those visitors are due to arrive about the end of August. Their prolonged itinerary renders it impractical for them to give more than two or three days to Hongkong, in view of the hot season and a shortage of time. The Hongkong Committee has reluctantly abandoned the attempt to arrange for local meetings.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

By the flooding of the Sungari great damage has been done in Kien city, many lives being lost.

Liverpool shipping rates for the past year totalled £1,363,501—a decrease of £28,713 from the previous year.

There was an increase of over 10,000 in the number of paupers in England and Wales during the month of May, as compared with May, 1908.

Dr. Katherine Fleischer has passed with distinction the professional advocate's examination at St. Petersburg University, says the Jewish Chronicle. She is the first lady lawyer in Russia.

The Phillips Sisters make their debut at the Victoria Cinematograph this evening and a good reception will no doubt be accorded to them by the numerous patrons of this popular hall of entertainment.

Mr. Dohie, the Hongkong agent of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., informs us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 17th July amounted to 29,266.02 tons and the sales during the period to 18,013.80 tons.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Head of the Sanitary Department, with regard to correspondence relative to the proposed extension of the New Western market, minuted at the meeting of the Sanitary Board, this afternoon, that at Sai Wan Ho the boundary should be extended to Tai Po Dock gates.

Dr. W. Pearce, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, submitted a report to the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon with regard to rat-catching in Kowloon. Mr. A. Shelter, Minister—Who is the Kai Ching? I cannot understand some of the abbreviations in this minute. Perhaps the Assistant Medical Officer of Health will explain?

Considering the extreme subtlety of the weather Hongkong was quite right in confining the celebration of August Bank holiday to bathing parties or a trip to Macao. Towards eight o'clock the thunder clouds which formed shortly before sunset, broke over the Colony and a heavy downpour of rain materially assisted in reducing the temperature. The storm recurred and raged furiously again about midnight.

Manila fully expected Hongkong to receive a visit from a typhoon on the anniversary of the big disaster wrought in the city and harbour on July 23, 1908.

Father ALGUE, of the Manila Observatory, told a Calleco reporter that "it is safe

to say that Mr. Figg, the Director of the Hongkong Observatory will not sleep to-night. But as we all know the typhoon took quite a different track, for which Hongkong, not forgetting Mr. Figg, was very thankful.

As establishment which should secure a large degree of patronage has been set up at Nos. 142 and 144, Queen's Road Central by the Chung Kwok Company. This firm has upon the device of offering goods at one price and one price only, and inasmuch as their stock includes silks, cottons, woollens, quilts, blankets and articles of almost every description, they should soon gain great popularity amongst those who care to do their own shopping. The Chung Kwok Company are in a real sense universal providers.

A timely wire from Hongkong enabled the Manila Customs, after the arrival of the Tean, to make a discovery whereby they were able to seize no less than 450 kilos of opium, valued at Pts. 14,000. The opium was found in a boiler which had been taken over from Hongkong for alterations. The Manila customs were searching five days before they discovered it, and in fact the employees of the Taylor machine works, Parcels, who made the discovery. By way of preparing for the drilling of large holes in the boiler, they unscrewed a plug in one of the columns and there found the opium neatly packed away in tins.

EUROPEAN WARDER DROWNED.

An unfortunate occurrence took place on Sunday whereby a European warden named P. COLE lost his life while bathing.

It appears that the unfortunate fellow, along with several companions, went for a bathing picnic. All went well until suddenly deceased was seen to throw up his arms in the water and he disappeared. His companions immediately endeavoured to render assistance but he was not seen again and up to the present the body has not been recovered. It is supposed that deceased was suddenly seized with cramp.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German Mail of the 1st July was delivered in London on the 1st July.

There were 438 European and 247 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 311 European and 2,543 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 1st Aug.

We have received from A. Fong, the well-known Hongkong photographer, a photographic group taken at the entrance to Government House during the visit of Vicerey Chang Jen-shun and suite. It is exceedingly well finished and is perfect in detail.

That there are great moral problems in Singapore, those who love this fair city best will not deny, writes the Rev. F. B. Meyer in the British Weekly. Her opium dens, her streets dedicated to vice, her temptations to young manhood. Continually one is discussing and considering these problems. One is tempted to compare life here to the jungle, where unspakable beauty may veil the venomous serpent, the tiger, and sharpening insect. He who, would thread its intricacies must walk with careful feet.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

As at present arranged, Lord Kitchener, after leaving India, will travel by himself and will not take any staff to Australia.

Senior Anselme Hervé Riquelme has been appointed Chilean Minister to the Chinese Government to study the Japanese Constitution. He is returning to China shortly.

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THE COMPRADORE CASE.

TOKYO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tokyo, July 22.

At the Supreme Court, to-day, before the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott) and the Presiding Judge (Mr Justice Compton), sitting as a Full Court, further argument was heard in the appeal against the decision of the Chief Justice in the action S. J. David and Co. v. Chan Ut Chiu. It will be remembered that Messrs David and Co. sued Chan Ut Chiu for alleged damages under a compradore's agreement, and that there was a counter-claim by the defendant for the return of his security of \$65,000 and interest. The Chief Justice on December 23rd of last year gave judgment on the claim and counter-claim for the defendant and compradore.

Mr Duncan McNeil, of Shanghai, and Mr C. G. Alabaster appeared for the appellants, instructed by Mr Judge of Messrs Johnston, Stokes and Master; and Mr M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr Scott Harston, appeared for the respondents.

In the course of a highly technical argument Mr Slade commented on the last recital of the agreement. He said that by this, in order to further provide "the said security" mentioned in the recited mortgage, the compradore had deposited with the firm the sum of \$65,000. The use of the word "said" in a dead always means that the thing referred to had been mentioned earlier in the deed. And the recital immediately before recited the mortgage and the conveyance of the land. So the meaning of those words was that all the various parcels of land in the recited mortgage were conveyed. The security was the land mentioned in the recitals which set out the main contents of the mortgage.

The Chief Justice—"The word 'security' is not mentioned down to that point, is it?"

Mr Slade—"No; but what is in fact the security is mentioned."

Mr Slade proceeded to argue that the sum of \$65,000 was further security because a great many of the obligations of the compradore which the sum was intended to secure were also secured by the land. The agreement gave not merely the right of the firm to make use of the \$65,000, to meet obligations which they were intended to meet, but it was also a personal covenant by the compradore that he would be liable for them to an unlimited extent.

Mr McNeil, addressing their Lordships, referred to Mr Slade's submission as to the effect of the word "said." He (Mr McNeil) thought his friend erred in requesting their lordships to consider that the only security referred to in the agreement was this particular mortgage, the security on the land, which first appeared immediately above the phrase which was in question. If their Lordships read the agreement through from the beginning they would find quite distinctly recited the terms of the arrangements between the parties. The compradore applied for an engagement, and the firm agreed to engage him if he would give an adequate security. And that adequate security was to be contained in two particular documents—only a deed of mortgage and one agreement. These lordships would have had to read very far before they came to the recital to which the disputed phrase referred. This recital was a full recital of the conditions under which the agreement was entered into. The "said security" was the agreement mentioned as part of the security in the early recital of the agreement.

The Chief Justice—"It seems to me that it is not very accurate drafting to refer to a 'said' word which word is not used before."

Mr McNeil—I submit it is absolutely accurate.

The Chief Justice—I certainly should not have used the word "said" there.

Mr McNeil—With great respect I think there is no doubt that both these agreements are security. And surely it is right to say that the document is a document of security and that the "said security" is the said two documents which are to be given by way of security.

Their Lordships reserved their decision.

BIG THEFT OF OPIUM.

Three natives, amongst them being a quartermaster, were charged with stealing 160 balls of Benares opium, value \$4,000, the property of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., being part of a cargo of merchandise by the a.s. Kintang. A woman was also charged with receiving the same well knowing it to be stolen.

Mr E. L. Shenton appeared to prosecute and Mr Crowther Smith attended two of the prisoners. The case was adjourned, bail being refused.

CHINA'S RAILWAY LOANS.

The American Ambassador entertained at dinner at Dorchester House on the 7th July the British, American, French, and German representatives of the group of bankers in each country who were in London for the purpose of settling the terms of participation in the loan to China for the Hankow-Szechuan Railway. Great Britain was represented by Mr. William Kewsey, Mr. Carl Meyer, and Mr. C. S. Addis; France by M. Simon and M. Umanu; Germany by Herr Ubrig and Herr Reiters; and America by Mr. Edward Greenfield, Mr. Otto H. Kahn, and Mr. W. D. Straight.

LETTERGRAMS TO INDIA.

The London Post Office announces that arrangements have been made by which messages can be forwarded to India by telegraph to London, by post between London and Bombay, and by telegraph from Bombay to their destination in India.

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THE ITALIAN CONVENT.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, July 21.

THE MASTERS OF ELBANK.

On Saturday afternoon the Italian Convent was honoured by two distinguished visitors. Before his departure for Shanghai, H. E. Vice-Admiral Chang Jen-Chun, sent his Secretary, Tzuchi Hsien Yung Nien, with a letter from His Excellency to the Superiorress regretting his inability to visit the Convent for want of time. His Excellency enclosed a very generous donation, which was gratefully accepted, of \$300. Tzuchi Hsien Yung Nien was shown the whole Convent building and expressed himself as greatly interested in the hundreds of Chinese children who are brought up and educated in the Convent.

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The Fujii Cotton Spinning Company intends to raise a loan of £1,500,000 to improve and extend the works of its branch factories in Hokkaido. The debentures will be issued in London through the Industrial Bank. The Hokkaido Colliery and Steamship Company has made up its accounts for the first half year and proposes to pay a dividend at the rate of 64 per cent. per annum.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory.

On the 3rd at 12.30 p.m. The barometer has risen considerably in W. Japan, and a slight rise has taken place on the coasts of S. China.

A new depression may be developing over the Pacific to the Eastward of the Loochow, where pressure remains low.

Pressure is low also over N. China. It is high to the East of Japan in the North, and over the S. part of the China Sea to the South.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.71 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:

1. Hongkong and Neighbourhood: S.W. winds, moderate; thunder showers.

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